

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff

V.

THOMAS ABDALLAH
(aka Thomas Abraham), *et al.*,

Defendants

Case No.: 1:14 CV 1155

JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.

ORDER

Currently pending before the court in the above-captioned case is the First Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses (“Application”) (ECF No. 291) of Whitmer & Ehrman, LLC (“W&E”), counsel for Receiver James Ehrman (“Receiver”), for the period commencing March 16, 2016 through and including December 31, 2016. As of the date of this Order, no party in interest has filed an objection or other response to the Application or requested a hearing on the Application.

The court, having considered the Application and the statements of counsel contained therein and the docket for this case, finds that the compensation requested by W&E for services rendered in connection with their representation of the Receiver for which they seek interim allowance in the Application, is reasonable and appropriate under the Order Appointing Receiver (ECF No. 119, at ¶¶ 59-64) and the “Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.”

Accordingly, the court grants the Application. (ECF No. 291.) W&E is allowed, on an interim basis (*See* ECF No. 119, at ¶ 61), compensation for services rendered to the Receiver

during the period commencing March 16, 2016 through and including December 31, 2016, in the amount of \$77,862.50 for W&E attorney's fees. The Receiver is authorized to pay W&E 80% of W&E attorney's fees (\$62,290.00) as follows:

- (a) \$53,478.00 from the General Receivership;
- (b) \$4,580.00 from the proceeds of assets recovered from the Gainers; and
- (c) \$4,232.00 from the proceeds of assets recovered from Cicolani.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/S/ SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

March 16, 2017